

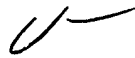
REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to include a cross-reference to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/642,656, filed August 22, 2000 and PCT/GB99/00532 having an International filing date of February 19, 1999 as well as the three noted GB priority applications.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

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